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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLAN****AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR  
A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF A 138 kV  
TRANSMISSION LINE AND ASSOCIATED  
FACILITIES FROM THE PROPOSED TORO  
SWITCHYARD, SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 17  
SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST TO THE  
ROSEMONT SUBSTATION, SECTION 30,  
TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST,  
EACH LOCATED WITHIN PIMA COUNTY,  
ARIZONA.

Docket No. L-00000C-11-0400-00164

Case No. 164

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**RECEIVED****NOTICE OF HEARING**

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee ("Committee") regarding the application of Tucson Electric Power Company ("TEP") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility authorizing the construction of a single 138 kV transmission line from the proposed Toro Switchyard to the Rosemont Substation in Pima County, Arizona ("Project").

The hearing will be held at the Holiday Inn – Tucson Airport North at 4550 South Palo Verde Road, Tucson, Arizona. The hearing is scheduled to begin Monday, December 12, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. The hearing will continue as necessary on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. If a tour is taken, the tour will take place starting at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 with the hearing continuing upon the conclusion of the tour. If the hearing is not concluded, it will continue on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.; Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.; and Friday, December 16, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m. on all days except Friday, December 16, 2011. On that day, the hearing will adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Additional hearing days, if necessary, will be noticed on the Applicant's and Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC") websites.

The Applicant's website with Project information is:  
<http://www.tep.com/Company/News/Rosemont/index.asp>

The page of the ACC Website at which notice will be given is the Committee's Hearing Calendar page, available at:  
[http://www.azcc.gov/AZ\\_Power\\_Plant/LineSiting-Calendar.asp](http://www.azcc.gov/AZ_Power_Plant/LineSiting-Calendar.asp)

Copies of the Application and Transcripts will be available for inspection at the following locations:

Joel D. Valdez Main Library – 101 North Stone Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701.

Joyner – Green Valley Branch Library – 601. N. La Canada Drive, Green Valley Arizona, 85614.

Sahuarita Library – 725 W. Via Rancho Sahuarita Road, Sahuarita, Arizona 85629.

Miller – Golf Links Library – 9640 E. Golf Links Road, Tucson, Arizona 85730.

Sonoita Library – 3147 Arizona Hwy 83, Sonoita, Arizona 85637.

Tubac Community Library, 50 Bridge Road, Tubac, Arizona 85640

Rio Rico Public Library, 1060 Yavapai Drive, Rio Rico, Arizona 85648

Patagonia Public Library, 342 Duquesne Avenue, Patagonia, Arizona 85624

Nogales-Rochlin Public Library, 518 North Grand Avenue, Nogales, Arizona 85621.

**PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH HEARING DAY OR AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE. IN ADDITION, A SEPARATE EVENING PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION WILL BE HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE HOLIDAY INN – TUCSON AIRPORT NORTH AT 4550 SOUTH PALO VERDE ROAD, TUCSON, ARIZONA.**

The Committee, at its discretion, may conduct a tour of the Project area and the proposed routes. If a tour is conducted, a map and itinerary for the tour will be available at the hearings. Members of the public may follow the Committee in their own private vehicles. During the tour, the Committee may hear brief testimony at stops on the tour from one or more witnesses concerning where the stops are located, what is visible at the stops and the relevance of the location and view to the proposed routes of the transmission line in the Application. No other discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur. A court reporter will transcribe any testimony taken on the tour.

Depending on the issues raised and the number of interveners appearing during the hearing, the Committee may deem it appropriate at some point to recess the hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the TEP Project website and the Committee's Hearing

Calendar page of the ACC website.

**NOTE: NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; BUT PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

The Project consists of a new single-circuit 138kV transmission line approximately 13.0 to 18.2 miles in length from the proposed Toro Switchyard, located within Section 29, Township 17 South, Range 14 East to the Rosemont Substation (which is not part of this Application) at Section 30, Township 18 South, Range 16 East. The transmission line structures will be mostly monopole structures between 75 to 150 feet high, but that could be as high as 199 feet. The purpose of this project is to provide construction and operations power for the Rosemont Copper Company mining operations.

TEP is proposing a preferred route and four alternative routes for Committee consideration:

- Preferred Route. The proposed transmission line route (Preferred Route) is approximately 13.2 miles long and originates at the proposed Toro Switchyard, located approximately 3 miles south of Sahuarita Road and 3.5 miles east of I-19. The route travels east approximately 1 mile and then southeast paralleling Santa Rita Road and a Rosemont water pipeline alignment that is part of the Rosemont mining plan of operations. Near the intersection of Santa Rita and Helvetia roads, the Preferred Route turns northeast and follows the Rosemont water pipeline alignment over Lopez Pass to the Rosemont Substation. This route would be located on land owned by the Arizona State Land Department ("ASLD") (which it leases to the Santa Rita Experimental Range ["SRER"]), Coronado National Forest ("CNF"), and Rosemont.
- Alternative Route 1. Alternative Route 1 is TEP's second choice and approximately 13.1 miles long. It follows the same path as the Preferred Route until approximately ½ mile northwest of the intersection of Helvetia and Santa Rita roads; instead of continuing southeast, Alternative Route 1 proceeds northeast in a new corridor, and then it turns east to connect to the Rosemont water pipeline alignment that leads over Lopez Pass to the Rosemont Substation. This route would be located on land owned by the ASLD (which it leases to the SRER), BLM, Rosemont, and CNF.
- Alternative Route 2. Alternative Route 2 is approximately 15 miles long. It leaves the proposed Toro Switchyard, located approximately 3 miles south of Sahuarita Road and 3.5 miles east of I-19, in a westerly direction until it meets an existing TEP 46kV line (which serves Greaterville and Fort Huachuca areas). It then parallels the existing 46kV transmission line for approximately 7.6 miles in a southeasterly direction. The alignment turns northeast at Helvetia Road and generally follows this road until it intersects with the Rosemont water pipeline alignment at Santa Rita Road leading to the Rosemont Substation. This route would be located on land owned by the ASLD (which it leases to the SRER), Rosemont, and CNF.

- Alternative Route 3. Alternative Route 3 is approximately 14.9 miles long. It follows the same path as Alternative Route 2 until approximately ½ mile northwest of the intersection of Helvetia and Santa Rita roads. Instead of continuing southeast along Santa Rita Road as in Alternative Route 2, Alternative Route 3 proceeds northeast in a new corridor (similar to Alternative Route 1) and then turns east to connect to the Rosemont water pipeline alignment that leads over Lopez Pass to the Rosemont Substation. This route would be located on land owned by the ASLD (which it leases to the SRER), BLM, Rosemont, and CNF.
- Alternative Route 4. Alternative Route 4 is approximately 18.2 miles long. Alternative Route 4 originates at the proposed Toro Switchyard, located approximately 3 miles south of Sahuarita Road and 3.5 miles east of I-19, and proceeds in a westerly direction until it meets an existing TEP 46kV line (which serves Greaterville and Fort Huachuca areas). It then parallels the existing 46kV transmission line in a southeasterly direction for approximately 14.1 miles and then turns north, leaving the existing 46kV alignment and paralleling portions of Forest Route (FR) 231, to the Rosemont Substation, a distance of approximately 4.1 miles (portions of which would be located within Rosemont mining operations area). This route would be located on land owned by the ASLD (which it leases to the SRER), CNF, and Rosemont.

For some of the routes, TEP may consolidate an existing 46 kV distribution line with the Project. TEP is requesting approval of a corridor with a width of 500 feet in order to provide flexibility for the Project pending final design and engineering for the Project

More complete maps, along with more detailed textual descriptions of the proposed routes (including the Preferred Route and four alternative routes) are available in the Application and on the Applicant's website. The Application (which includes detailed maps of the proposed Project) is on file with the Docket Control of the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix Arizona, 85007, and 400 West Congress Street, Suite 221, Tucson, Arizona 85701 in addition to the Libraries listed above. The Application is also available through the ACC's e-Docket function ([www.edocket.azcc.gov](http://www.edocket.azcc.gov)).

Each county and municipal government and state agency interested in the proposed Project and desiring to become a party in the proceeding must file with the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, a notice of its intent to be a party. That notice must be filed not less than ten (10) days before the date set for hearing.

Any domestic, non-profit corporation or association, formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote customer interests, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project is to be located and desiring to become a party to the certification proceedings must file with the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice of its intent to be a party. That notice must be filed not less than ten (10)

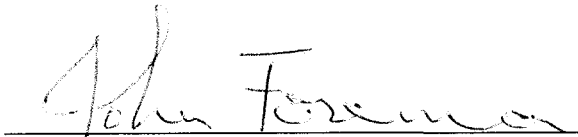
days before the date set for hearing.

The Committee or its Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other persons parties to the proceeding.

Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, and the Chairman of the Committee at 1275 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, not less than five (5) days before a date set for hearing. A person making a limited appearance shall not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 40-360 through 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-201 through R14-3-219. No substantive communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the Arizona Corporation Commission pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party before the Arizona Corporation Commission must be a party to the certification proceedings before the Committee.

ORDERED this 4th day of November, 2011.

  
John Foreman, Chairman  
ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND  
TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE  
Assistant Attorney General

